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SUBJ: RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL FOR EMPLOYMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA

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1. MFA DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS MPENGULA HAS TOLD EMBOFF THAT A REPLY TO THE EMBASSY'S APPROACH, DATING BACK TO LATE OCTOBER BASED ON REFTEL (A), HAD NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING BECAUSE OF POLICY CONSIDERATIONS. HE EXPLAINED THAT ZAMBIA HAS NO GENERAL POLICY COVERING ITS NATIONALS WORKING IN THIRD COUNTRIES. THE ONCE EXISTING POLICY HAD BEEN SCRAPPED IN 1967 WHEN THE GRZ BANNED ZAMBIANS FROM WORKING AS CONTRACT LABORERS IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE EMBASSY'S QUERY BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE THE FACT THAT THE GRZ HAD NO POLICY ON CONTRACT LABOR, EXCEPT AS IT APPLIED TO SOUTH AFRICA. THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO MAKE A DETERMINATION ON SUPPLYING WORKERS FOR SAUDI ARABIA AND IS NOW WRESTLING WITH THE BROADER QUESTION OF ZAMBIANS WORKING OUTSIDE ZAMBIA ON A CONTRACT BASIS.

2. MPENGULA SAID HE WAS NOT ABLE TO SUGGEST WHEN THIS MATTER WOULD BE RESOLVED.

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3. COMMENT: ZAMBIA WOULD NO DOUBT LIKE THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE BENEFIT OF WORKERS' REMITTANCES FROM ABROAD. HOWEVER, THE SUBJECT OF CONTRACT LABOR IS A SENSITIVE ONE IN ZAMBIA, RESULTING FROM ITS RESENTMENT OVER THE EXPERIENCE OF ZAMBIAN LABOR IN SOUTH AFRICA. PRES KAUNDA ABOLISHED SUCH LABOR CONTRACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA AS A RESULT OF HIS STRONG FEELINGS ON THE SUBJECT EVEN THOUGH THE MOVE WAS MADE AT THE SACRIFICE

OF POLITICAL SUPPORT IN THE AREA FROM WHICH THE LABORERS HAD
BEEN DRAWN. WE BELIEVE IT IS UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL HEAR FURTHER
FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE ON THIS SUBJECT AND WE PLAN NO FURTHER
APPROACHES TO MOFA UNLESS DIRECTED BY THE DEPT. IN THE EVEN
WE RECEIVE A FURTHER GRZ RESPONSE, HOWEVER, WE WILL OF COURSE
FORWARD IT. LOW

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